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# THE NAVY IS CLAIMING CREDIT

## Officers Point Out that the War Office Was Ignorant of Boers' Artillery Strength and the Situation Was Only Saved by the Naval Guns.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: The war for which Lord Salisbury opened the way and cleared the ground by a secret understanding with the German emperor, has reached the transition stage between a Dutch attack thwarted by the successful defense of Ladysmith, Mafeking and Kimberley and British offensive operations, now opening on a large scale.

There was a renewal yesterday of elastic rumors of a disastrous repulse of the Boers at Ladysmith on Wednesday but these have been deprecated in advance by definite news that General White's army remained inactive so late as Friday night. There were vague reports that Joubert's force had raised the siege, gone south and cut off Estcourt from the sea but these lacked confirmation.

The siege of Ladysmith had evidently failed but the resources of Boer craft had not been exhausted and both White and Clery needed to be on their guard against being entrapped at the last moment, when the union of their forces only required caution and patience.

that the effect of this blunder was counteracted by the naval 12 pounders sent from the ships in the nick of time. This cannot be denied nor can it be questioned that the naval guns on improvised carriages have transformed the situation at Estcourt and on Orange river.

A point which Englishmen not connected with the rival services perceive is that the resources of the British government for carrying on war at a long distance inland are enormously increased by the active co-operation of the army and navy as in the present campaign. The bluejackets now on exhibition at Ladysmith, Estcourt and the Orange river are like the Sepoys displayed at Malta by Lord Beaconsfield as a practical reminder to Russia that there was more than one way of fighting a big campaign.

THERE ARE OTHERS.

Movement Started to Honor Certain Generals of the Philippine-Spanish War.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—A meeting of those interested in honoring General Joseph Wheeler and General Fitzhugh Lee was held in the parlors of the Auditorium hotel. Miss Anne Marie De Beck presided.

An appeal, addressed to the women of the country asking them to aid in the project was issued, the resolution embodied therein reading:

"Resolved that the people in every section of the country be asked to circulate, sign and send to their respective representatives in congress a letter praying that body to enact a law creating two additional major-generals for the regular army, with the request that the president appoint to the positions Generals Fitzhugh Lee and Joseph Wheeler, so that at the proper time they may be retired with the full rank, honors and pay attached to the exalted rank.

"Resolved that the people of every section be asked to subscribe to a fund to be used in purchasing for each of the officers named a sword, which will for generations be held as sacred heirlooms by the descendants of these distinguished citizens; these funds to be raised by properly organized local committees."

The Illinois Trust & Savings Bank having offered to act as custodian, it was resolved that all funds be sent direct to the bank with the words "The Lee and Wheeler movement" written across the upper left hand corner of the envelope. The appeal will be signed by Miss Anne Marie de Beck, president; Mrs. Louise Abbott, secretary and Miss H. L. Grady, Miss Edith Spears and Miss Blanche Koenigsmeyer, committee.

AJUTANT GENERAL'S STAFF.

Prospective Retirement of an Officer Causes a Frenzy of Applauding.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—A special to the Tribune from Washington, says: Major William J. Volkmar, assistant adjutant general has applied for retirement, thereby creating one of the most desirable vacancies that has occurred in the staff of the army for a long time.

The eagerness with which appointments to the adjutant general's corps are sought is realized when it is stated that over 200 applications had been filed for Volkmar's vacancy before it became generally known in the army that any retirement was about due. These applications came not only from captains of the line, but from majors who could expect no immediate advancement in rank under the existing organization.

It is the general conviction in the service, however, that the adjutant

general's department is soon to be expanded, when the promotion of officers who are already in the corps will be rapid and their influence increased. Most officers in fact are beginning to look on entrance to this corps as their personal salvation. Major Volkmar is now attached to the headquarters of the department of lakes at Chicago.

He served in the Fifth cavalry until appointed major and assistant adjutant general in 1885.

COLOR LINE IN BROOKLYN.

Court Decides That Black Children Have no Right to Attend White Schools.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The appellate division of the supreme court of Brooklyn was denied the appeal of Elizabeth O'Keefe, colored, from the decision of a special term refusing a peremptory writ of mandamus to compel the school board of Queen's borough to admit her children to the public school on Breton avenue, Jamaica, and make no distinction on account of color.

Justice Goodrich, writing the opinion, says the provision of the constitution which provides that equal school facilities shall be furnished to all children cannot be held to mean that the white children and the black children must be permitted to attend the same school. As to the questions of excellence of the instruction in the school for colored children in comparison with the schools for white children, Justice Goodrich does not find that there is any difference.

AMERICAN TRADE RIGHTS IN CHINA AGREEMENT WITH ENGLAND

Written Assurances Will Be Forwarded to Secretary Hay on Conclusion of Period of Mourning for Lady Salisbury.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: In consequence of the bereavement suffered by Lord Salisbury the settlement of several diplomatic matters pending between the United States and Great Britain is expected to be delayed.

Among these are the Chinese and Samoan questions. Great Britain's attitude with respect to the request of Secretary Hay for a written assurance looking to the preservation of American commercial rights in her sphere of influence in China seems to have been finally settled to the satisfaction of the officials who have received oral assurances of the intentions of the London government to reply favorably to Ambassador Choate's note, but it is not believed that the answer will be submitted until three weeks.

The several powers approached have undoubtedly been exchanging notes respecting the character of the replies and it is stated by diplomats here that if one would take the lead the others would quickly follow. For this reason Great Britain's apparent hesitation has caused considerable talk in diplomatic circles.

It was reported this morning that China had conceded the claim of France to the possession of two islands which command the entrance to Kwang Chao Wan bay. No information to confirm this report has yet been received at the state department but officials say that if this report is true it is another indication of the gradual encroachment of the powers upon Chinese territory.

In order that it may defend its commercial rights in China they say that this government should have written assurance from the powers occupying territory that they will be respected. Secretary Hay has made it plain to the powers that the United States has no intention of seizing Chinese territory but he proposes to insist that American trade rights shall not be disturbed by the acquisition or extension of spheres of influence in China.

FIGHTING AGAINST THE BELL CO.

Scheme to Force It into a Combination is Alive and Active.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The Times says: The negotiations which the Telephone, Telegraph & Cable Company of America have been for the last few weeks carrying on in an effort to bring together the independent or anti-Bell concerns of the country have not come



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to an end as far as this city is concerned in spite of previous announcements to the contrary.

This concern has renewed its advances toward the Peoples Telephone Corporation and there is still a chance that the latter may be absorbed. Meanwhile the Peoples Telephone Corporation has taken active steps to put its system in operation down town and will begin stringing wires in about a week. The negotiations will go on just the same.

For the last few days Wall street has been interested in a rumor that the Telephone, Telegraph & Cable Company was really a scheme to play into the hands of the Bell people, and that it aimed to bring all the anti-Bell companies under its control and then turn them over to the Bell interests. W. J. Latta, who has been especially active in organizing the Telephone, Telegraph & Cable Company, denied this story.

James B. Dill, counsel for the Peoples Telephone Corporation, announces that the concern has decided to go into the field independently and that money enough to go without going beyond the men now in control of it.

The Bell people are said to be organizing in New Jersey to fight their rivals and it has been rumored that a Bell concern, the New York & New Jersey Telephone Company had obtained control of the Newark Telephone Company, a newly organized concern.

PROMINENT INVENTOR DEAD.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Thomas W. Brauer, inventor of thirty different pieces of machinery and articles connected with and used in the hat trade, is dead at his home in this city, aged 55.

LATE MANUFACTURER FAILS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Adolph Hoffstadt, formerly a lace manufacturer, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities \$143,999.

DROWNING AT ALASKA.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 22.—Passengers on the steamer Tees which arrived last night from Alaska report the drowning of a Mrs. Dumberton, another woman and three unknown men. They were carried under the lee in a small boat.

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